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1. DURING CALL ON PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LYNCH-SHYLLON DECEMBER 7, HE REVEALED WITH CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT THAT GOSL HAD NOT REALIZED AT TIME WHAT IT WAS DOING IN EFFECTIVELY AUTHORIZING OPENING OF ROK EMBASSY IN FREETOWN. LYNCH-SHYLLON SAID ROK APPROACH CAME IN FORM OF REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEW ROK AMBASSADOR WHICH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CARELESSLY ASSUMED WAS REPLACEMENT FOR ROK AMBASSADOR ABIDJAN WHO ALSO ACCREDITED TO SIERRA LEONE. REQUEST WAS PASSED TO CABINET ON THAT ASSUMPTION AND APPROVED THERE, ONLY AFTER WHICH DID EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDERSTAND THAT NOTE REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR TO BE RESIDENT FREETOWN. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, GOSL STICKING WITH ITS APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.

2. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPEARS RATHER APPREHENSIVE OVER
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PROTOCOL AND OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE FROM PRESENCE

RESIDENT EMBASSIES OF BOTH ROK AND NORTH KOREA. WHILE
GOSL HAS HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES IN TWO
DIVIDED COUNTRIES (KOREA AND GERMANY) AND FONMIN LUKE
TOLD AMBASSADOR OLSON IN AUGUST (FREETOWN 1570) THAT
GOSL IN EFFECT WILLING DEAL WITH ALL PARTIES (IN CONTEXT
GOSL READY OR WILLING ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH BOTH
GVN AND PRG), THIS WILL BE FIRST OCCASION BOTH SIDES OF
A DIVIDED COUNTRY WILL BE REPRESENTED IN FREETOWN BY
RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (FRG AMBASSADOR IS RESIDENT
FREETOWN; GDR AMBASSADOR IN CONAKARY).
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